

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
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San Francisco, California 94105**

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Special Investigative Units Regulations

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF REVISED TEXT

On September 1, 2004, California Insurance Commissioner, John Garamendi, issued a Notice of Proposed Action and Notice of Public Hearing proposing amendments to regulations governing the functions and objectives of insurer fraudulent investigative units, commonly called Special Investigative Units. Pursuant to the Notice, the Commissioner invited written public comments regarding the proposed regulations and a public hearing was held by the Department on November 10, 2004 regarding these proposed regulations. The statutory public comment period initiated by this notice closed on November 10, 2004.

PUBLIC COMMENT INVITED:

Based on the public comments received, the Commissioner has proposed changes to the text of the regulation and solicits written comments on the changes only. A copy of the revised proposed text is attached. Comments submitted on unchanged portions of the regulations will not be considered.

The Commissioner believes the changes made are either nonsubstantial or solely grammatical in nature, or are sufficiently related to the original text so that the public was adequately placed on notice that the changes could result from the originally proposed regulatory action. Accordingly, pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code Section 11346.8(c), the Commissioner is soliciting written public comment on the changes. A copy of the changed text, with the proposed changes clearly indicated, is available for public comment for a period of at least 15 days. Additions to the text are double underlined and deletions from the text are indicated by double lined strike out.

The authority and reference citations contained in the notes that follow the proposed regulatory text have been revised since the original publication of notice of this rulemaking. Many of the statutory citations set forth in the reference section contained in the notes have been relocated to the authority section of the notes. This revision was made to ensure that all necessary statutory authority is included and properly designated. Additionally, since the original publication of this notice of rulemaking, the Commissioner has added authority and reference citations in support of these regulations. Accordingly, this notice contains additional statutory and reference citations; these additional citations are indicated by double underline and the original citations contained in the original notice of this rulemaking are indicated by single underline.

CONTACT PERSON:

All written comments submitted in response to this notice and all general or substantive questions regarding this Notice should be directed to:

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SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS:

All written comments on the proposed change to text must be received by the Insurance Commissioner, at the address listed above, **no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 4, 2005**. Timely comments submitted by e-mail and facsimile will be accepted and considered.

AUTOMATIC MAILING:

A copy of this notice and the text of the proposed regulations, will automatically be sent to all those who testified at the public hearing, all those who submitted written comments at the public hearing, all persons whose comments were received during the public comment period, all persons who requested copies of information regarding the regulations in the manner prescribed herein, and all persons who requested notification of the availability of text changes.

JOHN GARAMENDI
Insurance Commissioner

By _____
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